

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 4-18 are rejected. All rejections are respectfully traversed. Claims 2, 4, 8, 9, and 12-14 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 17.

The claims have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

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